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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/799,895	Applicant(s) MADRID, RUBEN	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 24-28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10, 12-14, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishikawa et al. The reference to Ishikawa shows the basic structural features of the invention including a metal layer (11B) shown, for example, in Fig. 4, which is attached to a semiconductor die, and where the metal layer has a plurality of stamped bumps (11D) formed therein. These bumps are arranged around the die attach region and the metal layer is also formed on an insulating layer (11A).

In addition, the metal layer includes sublayers such as gold formed on copper (col. 5, l.22). The bumps also have a conical angle as shown in Fig. 14.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11, 15, 16, and 18-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa in view of Takeda et al and Tsui. As stated in the previous action Takeda also shows a carrier member with bumps, and shows such features as bumps which are about the height of the semiconductor die (Fig. 2), and where the bumps and die may be at opposite sides of the carrier (Fig. 2) or at the same side of the carrier (Fig. 5).

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While Ishikawa teaches that such carriers may typically be used with logic circuits (col.1, l.18) which would certainly include MOSFETs including vertical devices, the reference does not specifically describe a vertical MOSFET with a bottom drain. Tsui shows such a vertical MOSFET structure where the bottom drain region would typically be connected to a metal carrier such as a heat sink (col. 4, l.19). Thus it would be obvious to attach a vertical MOSFET device to a carrier with bumps where the drain region would be proximate to the die attach region of the carrier and the source and gate of the device would be distal to the die attach region of the carrier, as claimed.

Thus, all of the claimed features of the invention are taught by the combination of these references, and one skilled in the art would be motivated to combine the references so as to achieve better heat dissipation qualities.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Wojciechowicz whose telephone number is 571-272-1739. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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